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Columbo papers state that the crews of the American battleships Alabama and Maine are laid in prison of the people of the people of Singapore for the reception given them there.

In consequence of the political situation in Europe, says the N. C. Daily News, Marine insurance companies are considering the advisability of charging an extra premium for delivering the "F. C. and S." at war risk clause.

Captain Butler, of the British steamer *Formosa*, which arrived at Singapore from Hongkong, with over 1,100 passengers, reported that a Chinese lady died on board, on August 26, and a woman two days later. Both were buried at sea.

The captain of the British steamer *Indra* reports that a schooner named *Tai Sena Ho* has foundered in Lat 0 deg. 50 N. Long 105 deg. 30 E. The vessel however would be likely to drift to the northward, and so be out of the track of shipping.

Captain Mabel, of the Hamburg American Line's *Siamia*, has been awarded a silver cup by the Japanese Imperial Household for his gallant rescue of three shipwrecked Japanese in the vicinity of Hainan in January last. It is stated that this is the third time that Captain Mabel has been similarly rewarded for rescuing Japanese seamen.

B. M. Randolph, an able seaman of the U. S. S. *Galveston*, fell overboard while making preparations for hoisting a launch on board at Shanghai, and was drowned. The *Galveston* was anchored off Foochow at the time Randolph fell into the Huangpu river, was a strong current flowing, and he was immediately carried away. Deceased was twenty-four years of age.

H.M.S. *Merlin* has located a rock with 16 feet of water about eight miles from Gaya Island, in mid-channel, says the B. N. E. Herald. The chart showed 25 fathoms at this spot. On returning from their recent visit to Sandakan, H.M.S. *Merlin* also sailed over another uncharted reef close to the existing Merlin Reef, in the Malakka Channel.

The British steamship *Lennox*, at present under charter to the C.P.R., came out of the No. 3 dry dock at Kowloon yesterday morning, having been overhauled and repainted. Considering the extreme slackness now being experienced in shipping circles, the vessel will leave for Vancouver to-morrow morning via ports of call with a heavy consignment of valuable cargo. The *Lennox* will make a special call at Kuching, at which port she will take in a large quantity of tea.

Expectations ran high yesterday as to why the N.D.L. mail steamer *Refflinger* was late in arriving from the northern ports, but it was ascertained on making enquiries, that the vessel had put in at Foochow to take in tea. The steamer was due to arrive in the early morning but it was not until about five o'clock that she here to alongside No. 2 wharf at Kowloon. The *Refflinger* is a sister ship to the *Lutzow*—which left here to-day for the north—and has only made two trips, the first to New York, the second to Yokohama via ports, and is now on her homeward run, leaving for Bremen and ports of call at noon to-morrow. Among passengers in transit, bound for London, are Capt. King and wife and Lady Waldman; the latter embarked at Foochow.

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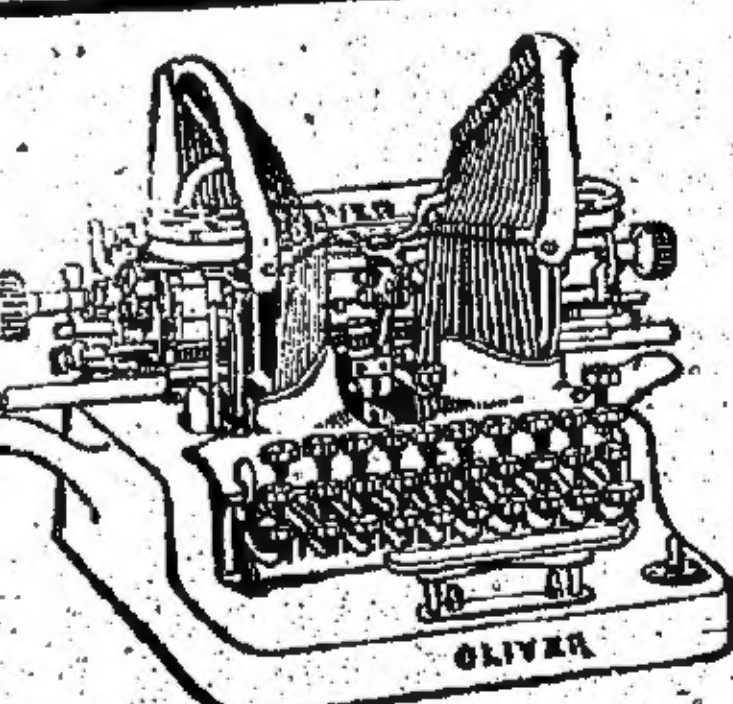
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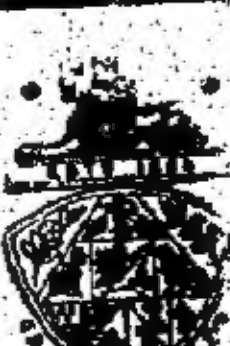
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gives us his idea of how the first battle will

be fought in which the airship will take

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In his story "The War in the Air" he

has described how Germany suddenly

declared war against the United States,

and the whole German fleet of eighteen

battleships, with a flotilla of fuel tenders

and converted liners containing stores to

be used in support of the air-fleet crossed

the Straits of Dover on White-Monday,

and steamed across the Atlantic for the purpose

of destroying the American Atlantic

fleet, which was made up of four battle-

ships and five armoured cruisers. He

describes the fleets as coming into con-

tact before any actual declaration of war.

Most of the American battleships were in

the Pacific Ocean, and all that the Ameri-

can fleet could do was to hold back the

German fleet for a little time until they

could put Panama and New York in a

position of defence.

Mr. Wells describes the naval battle, as

seen from the deck of the airship, which

remained at a height of six or seven

thousand feet in the air. When the time

came for the airships to attack the Ameri-

can fleet, the flagship of the aerial navy

slowly descended until she hovered high

over the American battleships, keeping

pace with their full speed. Mr. Wells

thinks that it is almost impossible for the

battleships to do any damage to their

aerial assailants. One man was killed by

a rifle shot on the aerial flagship, but that

was all.

When the airships attacked the ironclads

they let loose a number of what he calls

"drochenflieger," that is to say, aeroplanes

with wide flat wings and square box-shaped

heads, each navigated by a single man.

They swoop down like a flight of birds and

drop bombs upon the ships below. After

these skirmishes with the "drochenflieger"

a dozen airships pursued the American

fleet at a height of 2,000 feet until they

were a little in advance of the rear-most

ironclad, then they swooped down, and

going just a little faster than the ship

below, pelted her thinly protected decks

with bombs until they became sheets of

detonating flame. The American fleet was

destroyed and the airships headed for

New York.

Mr. Wells thus moralises over the passing

of the ironclad:

"So it was that Bert Smallways saw the

first fight of the air-ship and the last fight

of those strange things in the whole

history of war: the ironclad battleships,

which began their career with the floating

batteries of the Emperor Napoleon III, in

the Crimean War, and lasted, with an

enormous expenditure of human energy

and resources, for seventy years. In that

space of time the world produced over

12,000 of these strange monsters, in

schools, in types, in series, each larger

and heavier and more deadly than its

predecessors. Each in its turn was hailed

as the last birth of time, most in their

turn were sold for old iron.

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fought in a battle. Some foundered, some

went ashore and broke up, some remained

one another by accident, and sank. The

lives of countless men were spent in their

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of thousands of engineers and inventors,

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their account we must put stunted and

starved lives on land, millions of children

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unities of fine living undeveloped and lost.

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cost—that was the law of a nation's exis-

tence during that strange time. Surely

they were the weirdest, most destructive

and wasteful megalomaniacs in the whole

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to the 30th June, 1908.

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MONDAY, September 14:—

Goods per Siberia undelivered at noon this date subject to rent.

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WEDNESDAY, September 16:—

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SATURDAY, September 19:—

Noon—Meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

Treasury Books of Hongkong Cotton Spinning Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd., close from this date to 28th Sept., inclusive.

FRIDAY, September 25:—

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society at City Hall.

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THE ETHICS OF MODERN SPORT.

It was an unmistakable sign of the degeneracy of the age when Roman Society under the Augustan Caesars flocked in its thousands to view the gladiatorial shows, participated in solely by professionals or prisoners of war, while its own pampered youth neglected and discarded those athletic exercises and hardy field sports which, in times gone by, had done so much to build up the flower of the Roman army. It is the fashion of modernists nowadays to draw frequent comparison between the British and the Roman empires and naturally this particular aspect, the attitude of the great bulk of the nation to sport, is not lost sight of. For many generations now the people of the United Kingdom have prided themselves upon the possession of keen sporting instincts, and in many respects that pride is justified. But to those looking beneath the surface the actual conditions are anything but comforting and satisfactory. Putting aside horse-racing, yachting, and game-shooting, which can only be pursued by the few, and coming down strictly to the field sports of the people, the question may fairly be asked, how many of the countless thousands who flock to see the professional football

matches during the autumn and winter derive any healthy, corporeal benefit from the game at all? Is it not the tale of all secretaries of Football Clubs in working-class districts that their membership is steadily declining; and the same tale is told of gymnasiums which have been started for men of a similar class. Cricket has almost vanished from country villages. The middle-classes alone support athletic sports, such as running, jumping, walking, bicycling, or boating for the mere love of the thing, and even in their case the increasing rigour of commercial competition, has cut down to almost vanishing point the few years during which they can devote themselves to such exercises. And so it has come about that the indifference of the average workingman to take up some healthy sport in his spare time and the impossibility of the representatives of the middle-classes to find adequate time and opportunity to continue the games of their school-days, has led to the professional athlete bulking more and more largely in the world of sport. It has followed as a natural corollary of late years that the pastimes of Merrie England have degenerated into spectacular shows run solely by the professionals for "the money that may be in it." As Dr. WATSON, the late head master of Eton, remarked at Dulwich the other day, there is something unreal in such sports, something unwholesome. Sport should be a relaxation, a pastime, not an all-engrossing spectacle. It should be participated in by all who wish to keep a sound mind within a sound body, not allowed to become the perquisite of the professional. The tendency of the age is towards hysterical sensationalism, however, and unfortunately, so far as modern sport is concerned, the Press, both sporting and lay, has much to answer for in its week-end pandering to a most unhealthy instinct. Dr. WATSON looks to the great public schools to set this spirit right, to put esprit de corps above personal distinction, to show athletes how to live up to the best traditions and how to maintain the highest code of honour in all that concerns sports and games generally. Undoubtedly the sporting world at large does follow very closely the lead of the great public schools, but we fear that, so far as England is concerned, it will require a much stronger anti-septic to clean away the taint of professionalism, self-advertisement, self-glorification, and the love of spectacular display now deluging nearly all forms of modern sport.

FROM MEXICO.

THE following paragraph was clipped from the 'El Sol', a new paper at Hermosillo, Mexico, being a part of a letter to the publisher from a friend: "On my last trip to my property on the frontier, my boat fell with me to the ground, sounding me badly, by which occasion I had brought to my home a black, a mulatto, a pale man, and after using I was able to continue my journey. It was a fine day as if nothing had happened. I was sure of getting the popular support of my friends, and I was sure to be able to take care of my property."

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## GREAT FOREST FIRES.

## THREE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, September 9. Great forest fires, extending over a hundred square miles, have broken out in the State of Minnesota, driving before them thousands of settlers, whose lives are endangered. The amount of the damage is estimated at three and a half million dollars.

## SCHOOL FOR BLIND AND DUMB.

## TO BE ESTABLISHED.

(With Tei Yui Po's Service.)

PEKING, September 8. H. E. Chiang Chieh-ting has suggested the establishment of a school for the blind and dumb.

## SERIOUS RIOT.

## IN FUH-KIEN PROVINCE.

(With Tei Yui Po's Service.)

PEKING, September 8. A riot of a serious nature has taken place in the district of Kin Yang, in the Fuhkien Province.

## CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

## THOROUGH INVESTIGATION ORDERED.

(With Tei Yui Po's Service.)

PEKING, September 9. Councillor Leung Ying-fu, of the Board of Communications, who was deputed by the Board to inquire into the affairs of the Canton-Hankow Railway, has returned to Peking and reported that H. E. Sir Leung Shing has spent the capital of the company, to the amount of six million dollars, and only 60 li (some twenty miles) of railway has been constructed. The Board proposes to make a thorough investigation into the matter and has ordered H. E. Chiang Chieh-ting to proceed to Canton to personally make enquiries. It is reported that H. E. Chiang will arrive next month.

## MOROCCO.

(BETTER'S SERVICE.)

LONDON, September 8. A French column, five thousand strong, left Baden yesterday morning to attack the Moorish camp. The enemy attacked in front and flank en route in an attempt to cut off the French, but were ultimately routed after a four hours fight. The artillery checked the rushes of the Moors who were never able to approach the infantry. The French casualties were 22 wounded. The Moorish loss was heavy.

## LATER.

The Spanish Ambassador has presented to M. Pichon, French Foreign Minister, the reply of his government to the French proposals regarding the guarantee required of M. Haid for his recognition as Sultan of Morocco. The two governments are completely agreed on the main points, and the tension resulting from German attitude appears to be considerably relaxed in consequence.

## NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

(FROM THE "N.C. DAILY NEWS.")

JAPAN SHIPPING RETRENCHMENT. TOKYO, September 3. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has discharged sixty officials and has placed ten on the reserve list. It has also abolished two branches and two sub-branches.

## A SUGAR COMBINE.

The three principal sugar companies of Japan have organized a trading trust.

## A NEW RAILWAY JUNCTION.

(Tokyo, September 4.)

The Chinese Government has appointed Mr. J. E. Foley, Traffic Manager of the Imperial Railways of North China, to negotiate for the junction of this line with the South Manchuria Railway, which is to be represented by Mr. Takaka, one of the directors.

## SEOUL EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.

(Tokyo, September 4.)

The Seoul Court which is trying the case of Mr. Yang Ki-tak decided yesterday to summon as witnesses Mr. E. T. Bethell, Mr. H. Colburn, of the Colburn, Eastwick Development Co., M. Martin, a Frenchman, and the Manager of Messrs. Holm-Ringer and Co.'s branch at Chemulpo. Mr. A. Caradell.

## THE UNITED STATES.

(WASHINGTON, September 3.)

Senator Forsaker, while passing through Toledo, had a short conversation with Mr. W. H. Taft. The two men shook hands warmly and Senator Forsaker pledged himself to support actively the Republican candidate for the Presidency.

## WASHINGTON, September 4.

Both factions in West Virginia have agreed to support Mr. Taft. Mr. Henry M. Nevins, of New Jersey, has been appointed Commandant of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## OBITUARY.

(LONDON, August 26.)

The death is announced of Sir George Bruce. (Sir) George Barclay Bruce, Knight, created 1888; born 1st October, 1821; married 1847, Helen North (died 1888), daughter of H. Simpson of Paisley. Educated as a civil engineer under Robert Stephenson; engaged on North-Eastern Railway; chief engineer of Midland Railway; President of Institute of Civil Engineers, 1887-88.

## GREAT EBOR HANDICAP.

(LONDON, August 26.)

The Great Ebor Handicap race resulted as follows:—  
The Great Ebor Handicap.—About 4890, 12 miles.  
Captain Ling's b.c. ROUSAY, by Bay Ronald, 2, 10 years, ... 1  
Mr. A. Hall's b. f. OLD CHINA, by Arlington-Derby China, 4 years, ... 2  
Mr. Thompson's b. h. TURBINE, by Speed-Simplify, 5 years, ... 3  
Four horses started. The race was won by three-quarters of a length, and three lengths separated the second and third. Betting at the start was 11 to 1 against Rousay, 5 to 1 against Old China, and 7 to 1 against Turbine.

## TRANSAVAL COAL.

(LONDON, August 26.)

The correspondence of the Daily Telegraph at Johannesburg states that the Middelburg district colliery owners have sent a representative to Aden and India to develop a bunker trade between the East Coast of India and Ceylon, through Delagoa Bay. The Government is giving active assistance.

## SEDITION CASES IN BOMBAY.

(BOMBAY, August 26.)

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(CANTON BUSINESS HO SES.)

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